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## PREFACE

This book now presented before the public contains a description of the social and political conditions of India and shows the course of her evolution. At the same time it is a study of all the relevant topics connected with the main subject and is intended to convey to the reader a complete idea of the cultural growth of this country. It is particularly suited to the needs of students taking a course in Indian civics.

While dealing with the administrative structure of the country special care has been taken to show clearly the position obtaining at present and that to be found after coming into operation of the Government of India Act of 1935. The provisions of this new Act have been given in italics.



## TRANSLITERATION

A word about transliteration appears to be necessary. Special notations have been used to make the pronunciation of oriental words quite clear. Ordinarily the following notations have been adopted for vowel sounds:—

a=अ, â=आ, i=इ, î=ई, u=उ, û=ऊ, e=ए,  
ai=ऐ, o=ओ, au=औ;

The consonants have their usual pronunciation except as indicated below:—

d=द, ḍ=ड, dh=ध, ḍh=ढ, gh=غ, kh=خ,  
n=न, ṇ=ण, ñ=ङ, ñ̃=ञ, jñ=ज्ञ, q=ق, ri=रि,  
ṛ=ड, s=स, ś=श, ṣ=ष, sh=ش, t=त, ṭ=ट, th=थ,  
ṭh=ठ

But such names, historical or geographical, as are generally written in one particular way and involve no ambiguity as to their pronunciation, have been usually written in that way and diacritical marks have been used only occasionally as necessary.



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